Standing Labour Committee's Views

2087. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Labour Committee has commented on Labour issue being sidelined in the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to regulate the condition of work, provide social security and protection to agricultural workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir. Standing Labour Committee has not commented that labour issues are being sidelined in Ministry of Labour.

(b) A proposal for a central legislation for agricultural workers* to provide for certain welfare measures and to regulate their employment conditions etc. is under consideration of the Government.

Amendment in the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995

2088. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 as optional in respecct of certain industrial organisations in the country;

(b) if so. the details thereof; and

(c) whether Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 has been amended further on the recommendation of the Central Board of Trustees of Employees' Provident Fund, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 26th February, 1999, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 was introduced w.e.f. 16.11.95. . However, implementation of the scheme is held up in certain establishments due to an interim order passed by the Supreme Court.

(c) A notification amending the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995, was issued on 22.02.99. The amended scheme provides inter alia for payment of lifelong pension to a child who is permanently and totally disabled. It also makes the dependant parents eligible for pension as per provisions of the scheme.

National Tripartite Committee on Sugar Industry

2089. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) when was the National Tripartite Committee on sugar industry constituted and who arc the members of the said Committee;

(b) whether there are complaints that some of the important Central Trade Union were not given representation in the said Committee;

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(d) wehther a meeting of the National Tripartite Committee was held recently; and

(e) if so, the issues discussed therein and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) The National Tripartite Committee on Sugar Industry was reconstituted on 18.9.98. The list of members of this Committee is given in the statement. *(See* below).

(b) to (e) In the last meeting held on 10th January, 1999 some of the members were of the view that the Committee should have a wider representation by including members of CITU and A1TUC. The Chairman of the Committee agreed that some more members could be included in the Committee as observers.